

Wednesday 22nd May

STRONG WALK

WALK 10 – GLEN FESHIE – LINN OF DEE

This is one of the classic drove road routes through the Cairngorms. It is a long but rewarding walk. We start near Achlean in Glen Feshie, a beautiful, lightly wooded glen, becoming more barren as we approach the watershed with the Geldie, a great example of "river capture". There follows a section which can be fairly wet underfoot before we reach a Landrover track which takes us right down the Geldie. This pleasant walk follows one of the Dee's main tributaries but on the less frequented north side. We rejoin our transport at the Linn of Dee. Terrain: Mostly on good paths. This is a long walk, and a good level of fitness will be required.

- **Depart from Green Hut Ballater at 8am - BUS**
- **Distance 33k**
- **Approx Walking Time 9 hrs.**
- **Ascent 350m.**
- **Landranger 36,43**

MEDIUM WALK

WALK 11 – HEARTBREAK RIDGE REVERSE

Setting off from Ballater we cross the old bridge and take the forest path to the Dalmochie Camp. We cross the road and follow the River Dee towards the Torphantrick Woods.

At Headinch we begin to ascend and then traverse Heartbreak Ridge, with its stunning views of Deeside. We continue on to meet the Pannanich path that descends into the Glen Muick Estate and back to Ballater.

Terrain: There is a 100m section which is quite steep and may require hands on scrambling.

- **Depart from Green Hut Ballater at 9am – ON FOOT**
- **Distance 20km (option to shorten to 14km)**
- **Approx Walking Time 6 hrs.**
- **Ascent 500m.**
- **Landranger 44**

WALK 11A – GLEN GIRNOCK-BOVAGLIE- ABERGELDIE

Rich in history and with spectacular views of Lochnagar and the surrounding hills. From Littlemill we follow the well-defined track via Loinveg, to Bovaglie, our first rest stop. Continuing towards Easter Balmoral, we pick up a path leading to Balnacroft via the Genechal (a favourite picnic spot of Queen Victoria).

WALK 11A Continued...

The route then takes us through fields, over a couple of stiles, around Creag nam Ban, and on to the track round Creag Ghiubhais to re-join the Girnock track and return to Littlemill.

Terrain: There is a 7-foot ladder stile, and another around 5-foot to climb, although these can be avoided with a slightly longer detour on the road. May be some short boggy stretches and small burns to cross.

- **Depart from Green Hut Ballater at 9am - BUS**
- **Distance 17km**
- **Approx Walking Time 5.5hrs.**
- **Ascent 350m.**
- **Landranger 44**

EASY WALK

WALK 12 – RIVER GAIRN - BALLATER

From the foot bridge over the River Gairn, we start the linear walk back to Ballater. The first part is through the Long Haugh, a peaceful riverside meadow with historical associations. We pass through the hamlets of Balno, Inverenzie, Lary and Abergairn, with a possible detour to ruins of Abergairn Castle. We return to Ballater via the Deeside Way.

- **Depart from Green Hut Ballater at 10am - BUS**
- **Distance 12km**
- **Approx Walking Time 4hrs.**
- **Ascent 100m.**
- **Landranger 44**